

FIG. 1

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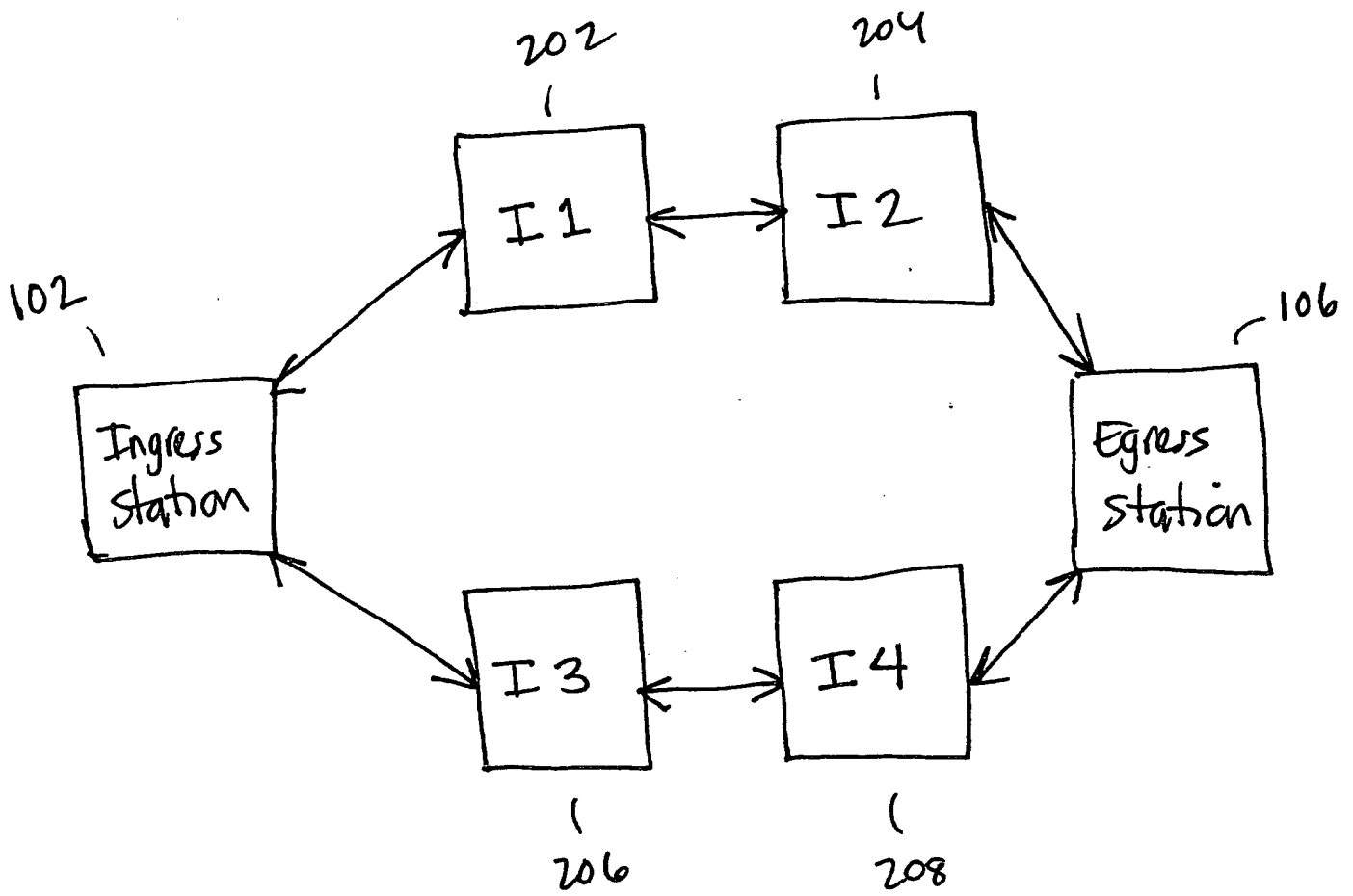


FIG. 2    200

FIG. 3A is a block diagram of a network topology. The network includes an Ingress Station (102) and an Egress Station (106). The Ingress Station (102) is connected to four intermediate nodes: I1 (202), I2 (204), I3 (206), and I4 (208). The Egress Station (106) is also connected to these four intermediate nodes. The intermediate nodes are arranged in a ring topology: I1 (202) is connected to I2 (204), I2 (204) is connected to I3 (206), I3 (206) is connected to I4 (208), and I4 (208) is connected to I1 (202). The connections between the Ingress Station (102) and the intermediate nodes are labeled 302, 304, 310, and 312. The connections between the intermediate nodes and the Egress Station (106) are labeled 306, 308, 310, and 312. The connections between the intermediate nodes are labeled 304, 310, 308, and 312.

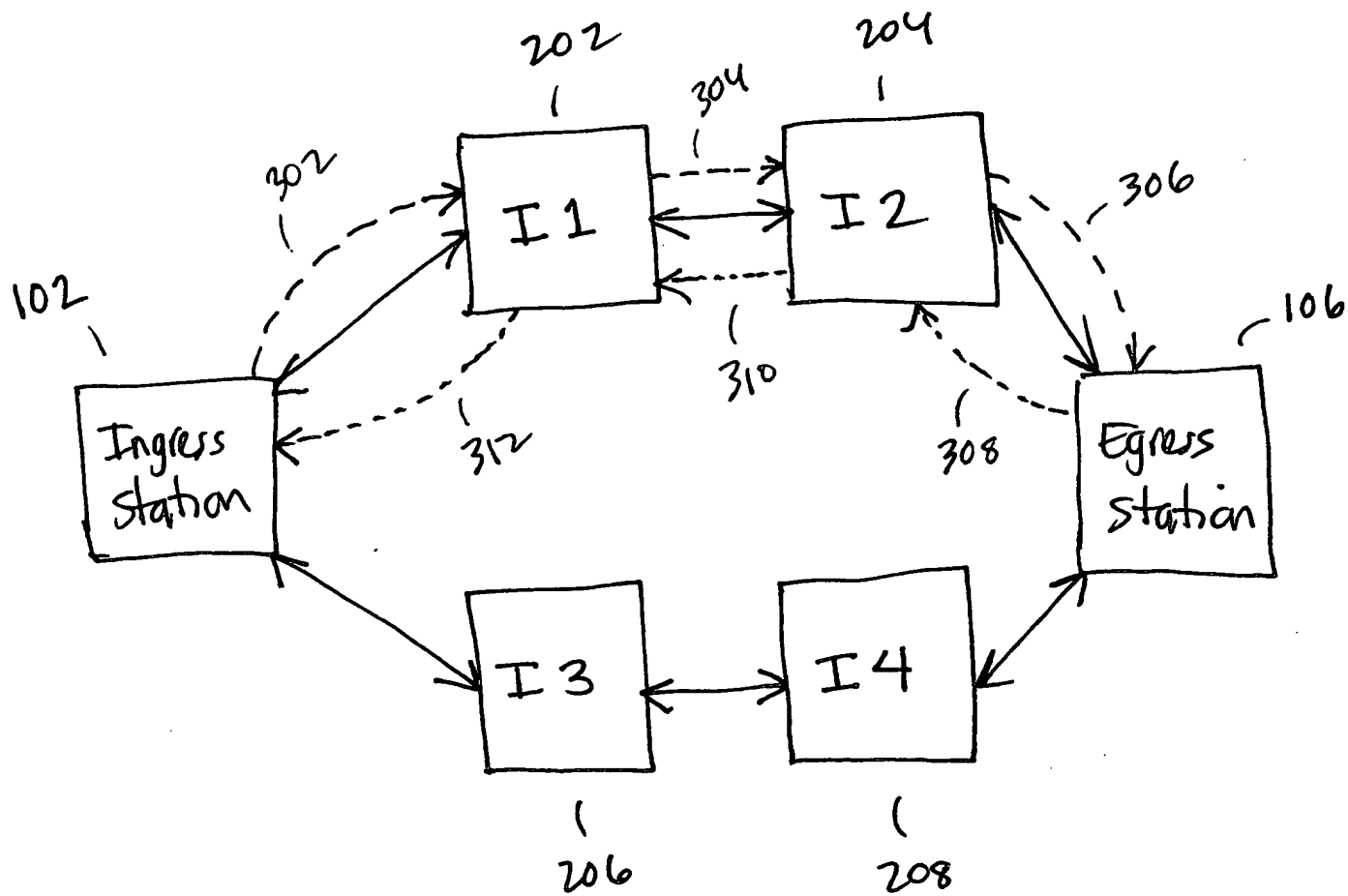


FIG. 3A

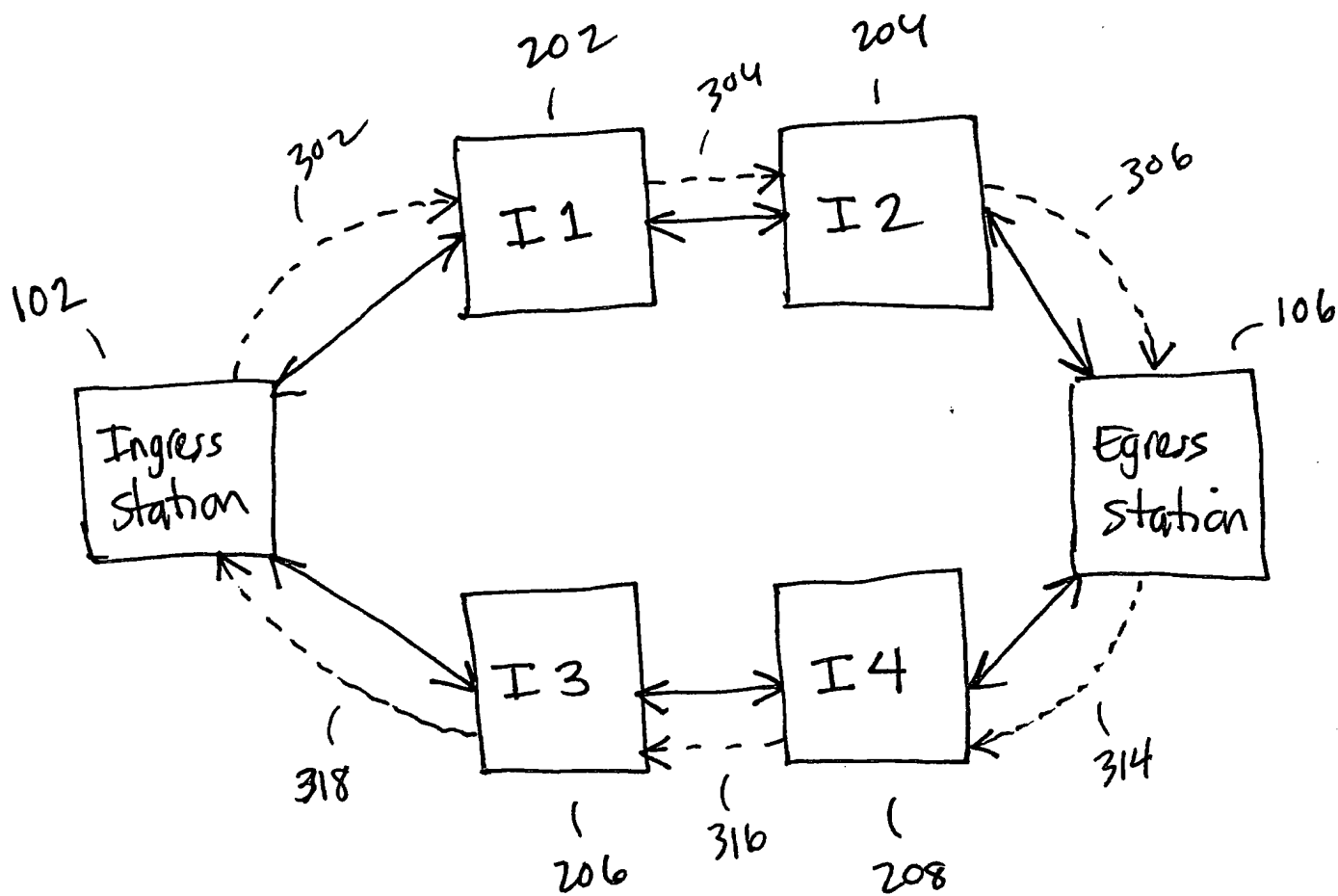


FIG. 3B

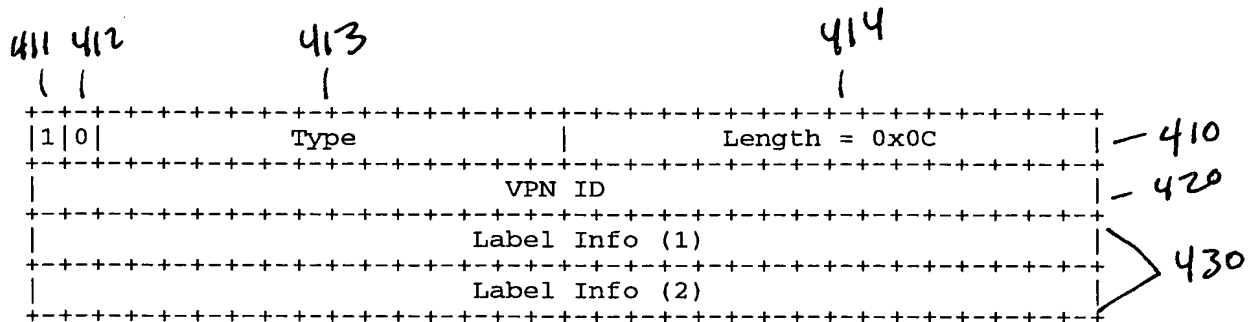


FIG. 4 400

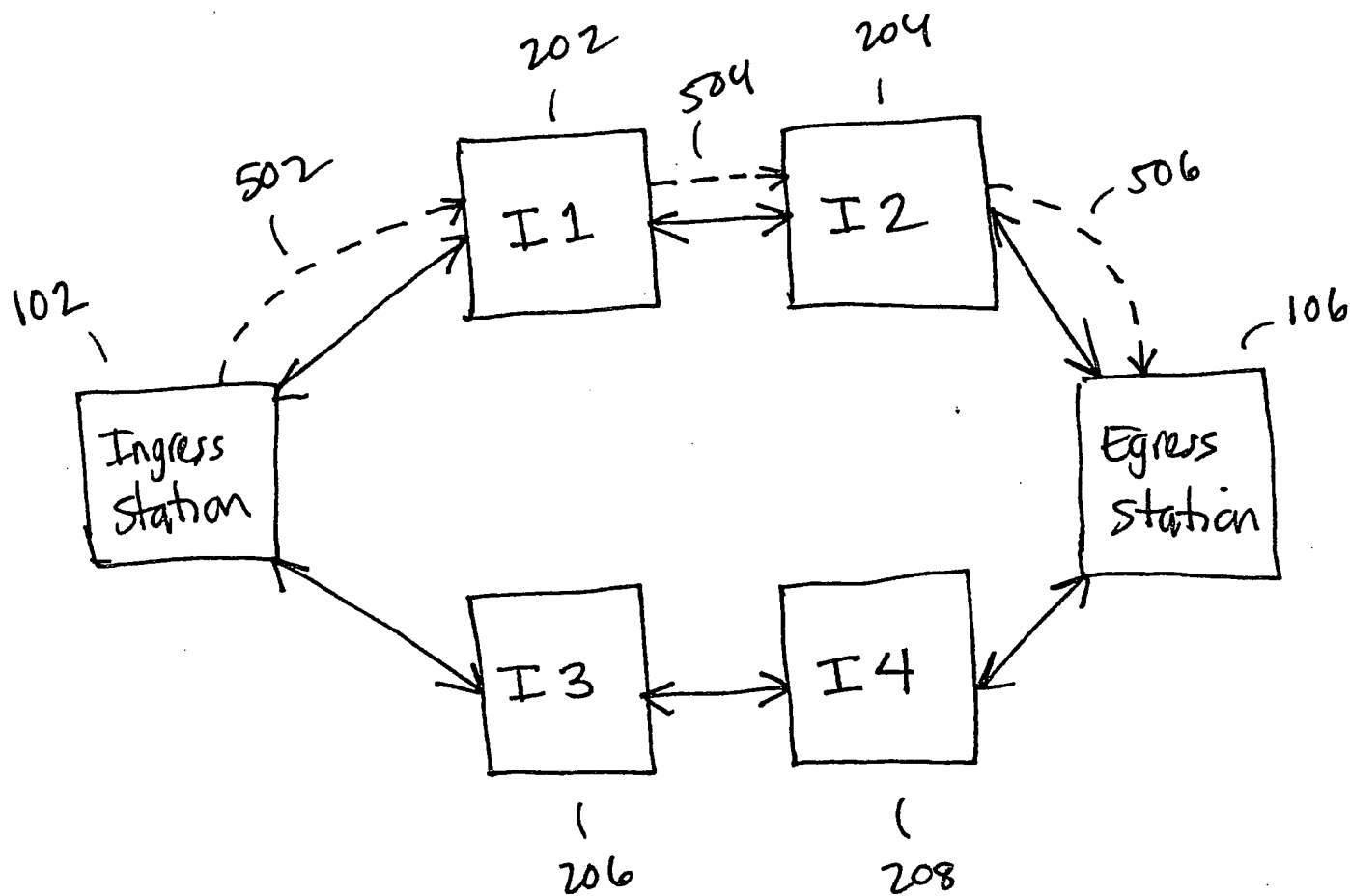


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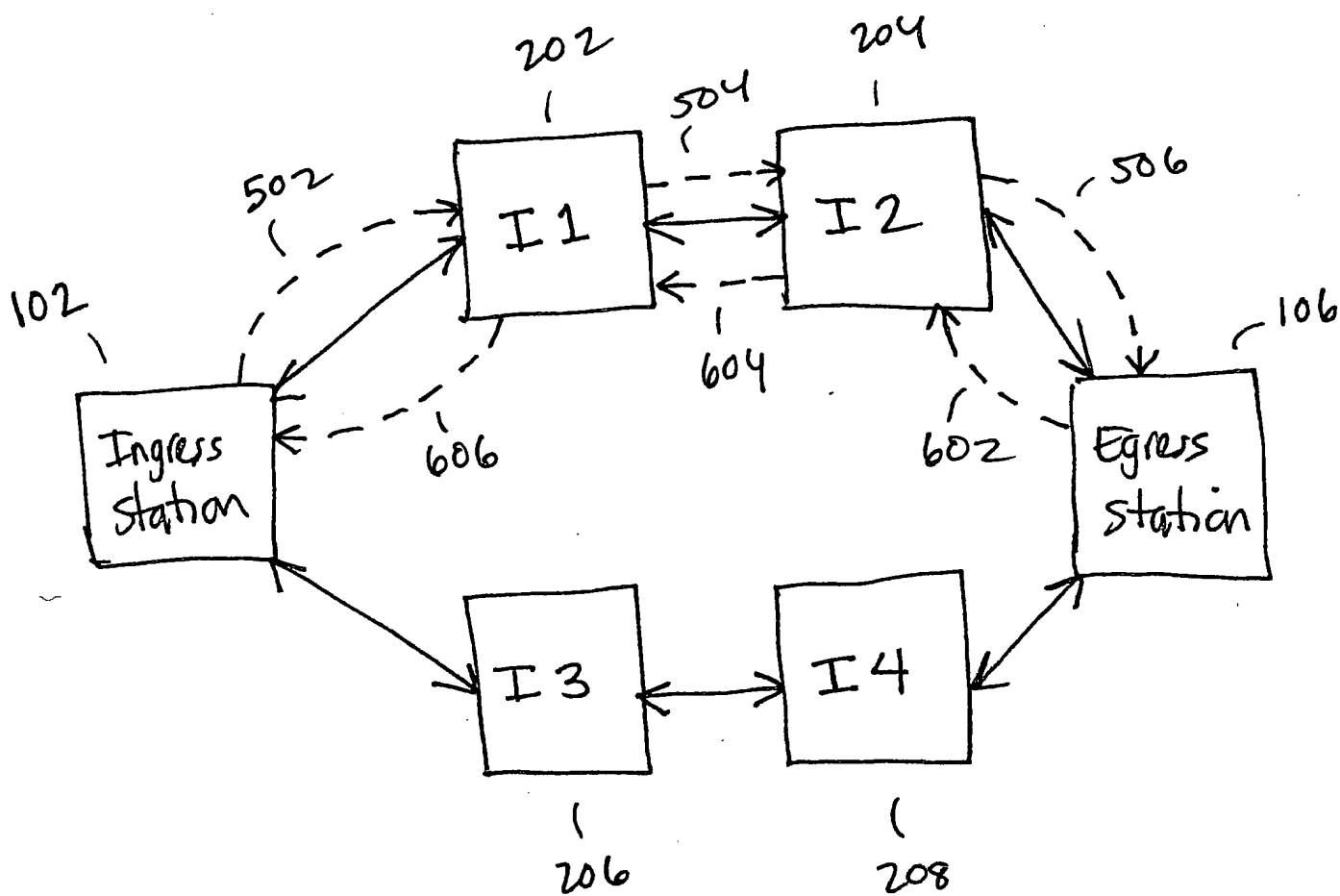


FIG. 6

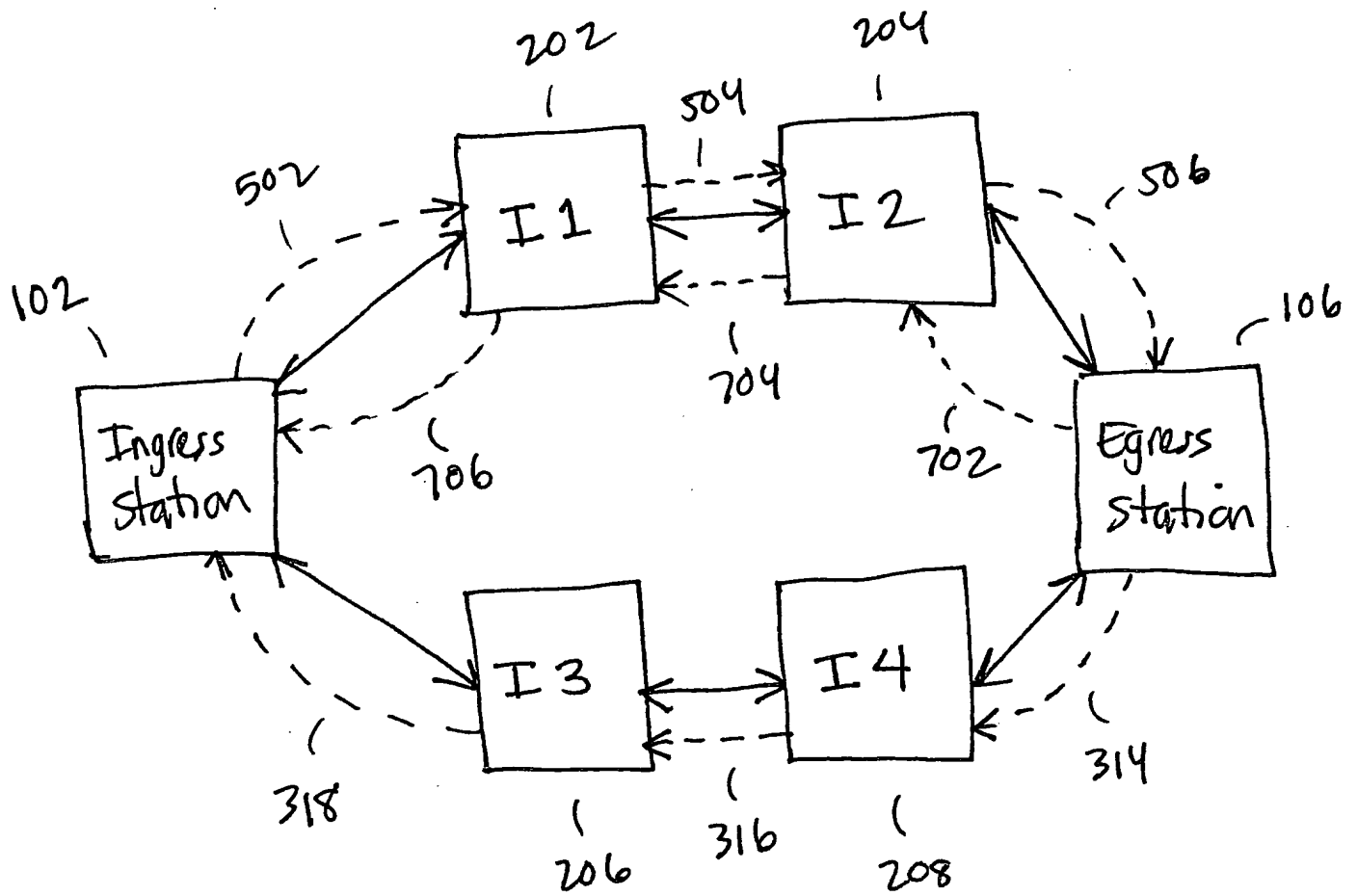


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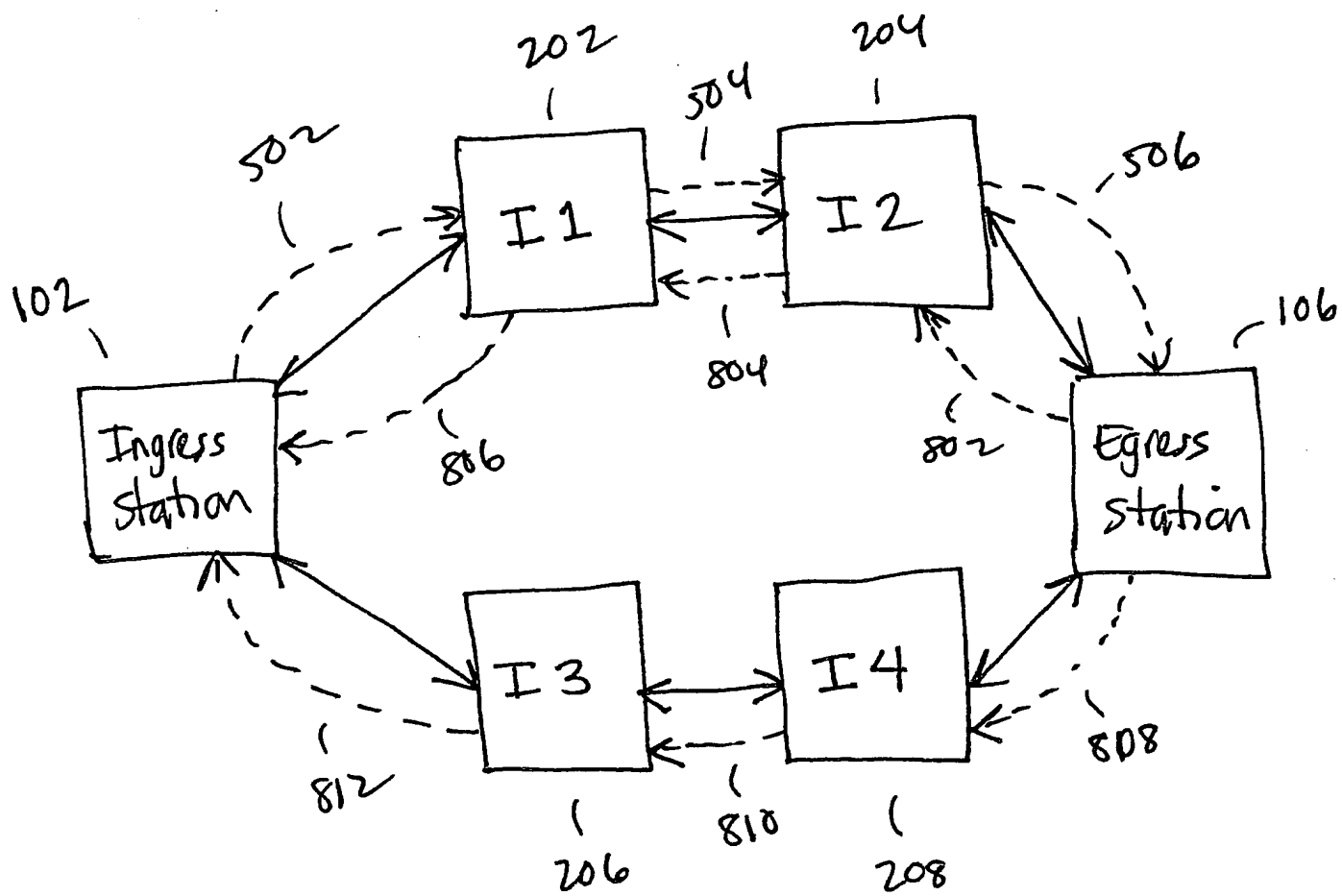


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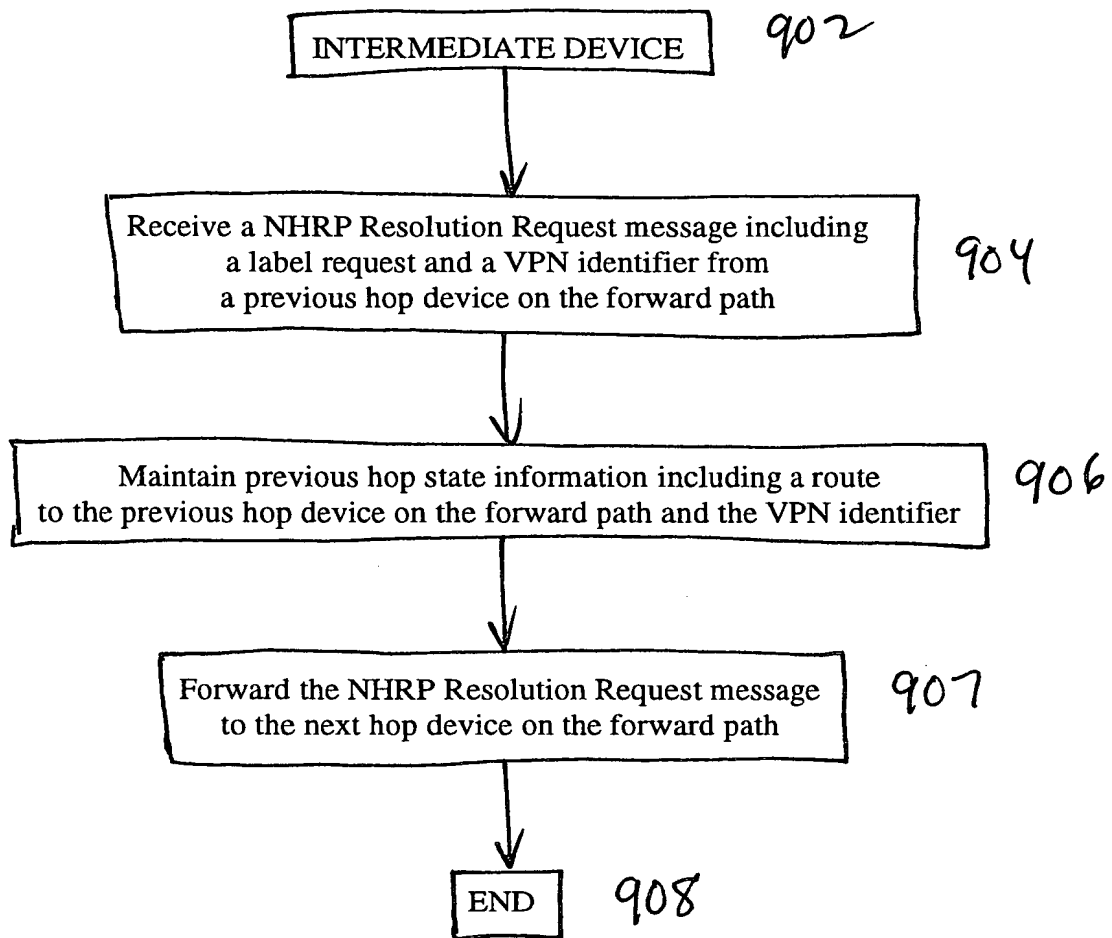


FIG. 9A

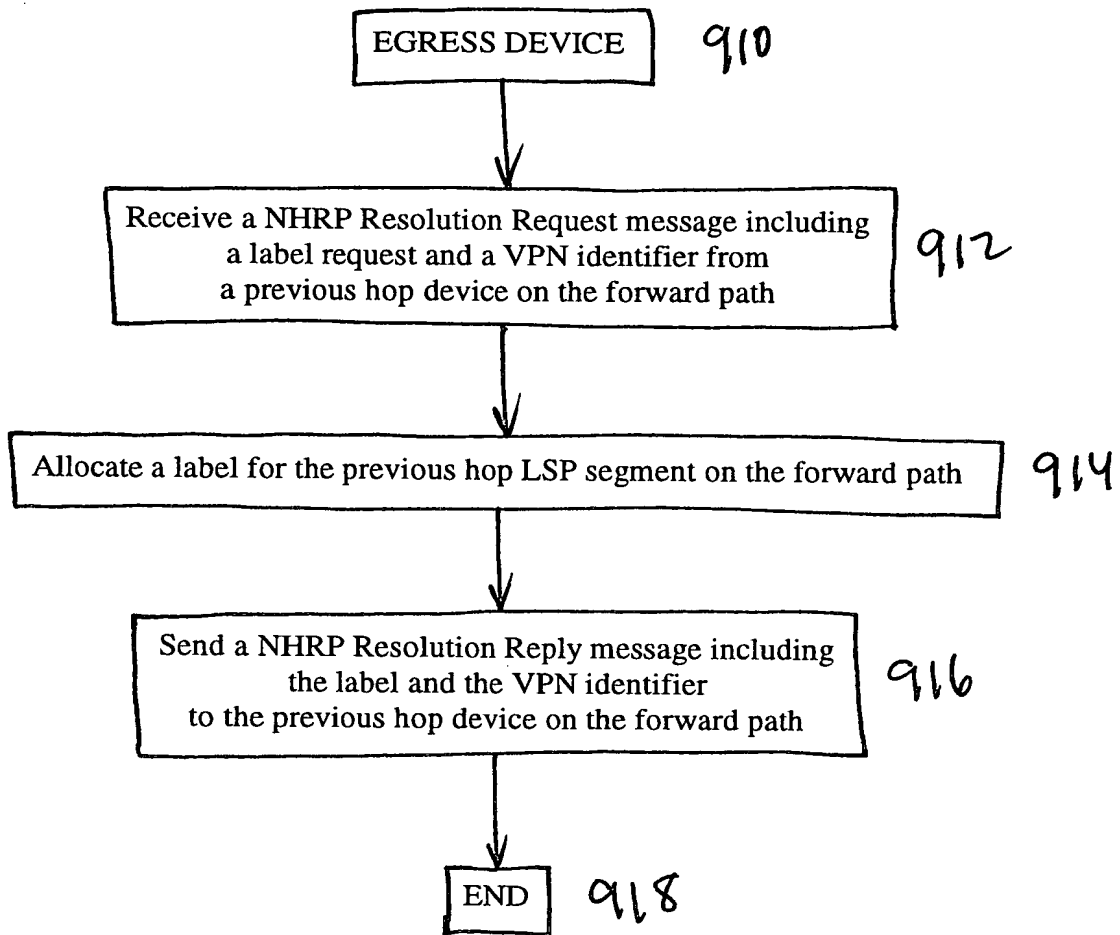


FIG. 9B

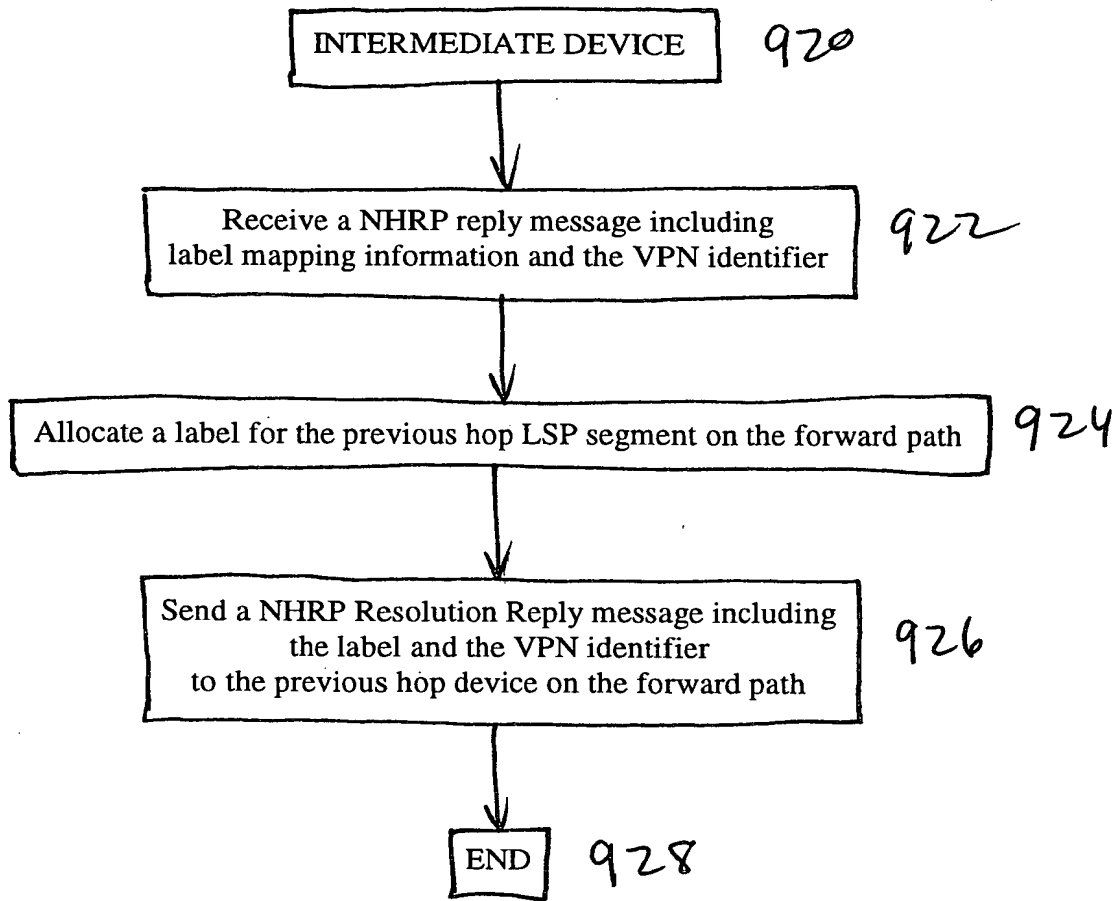


FIG. 9C

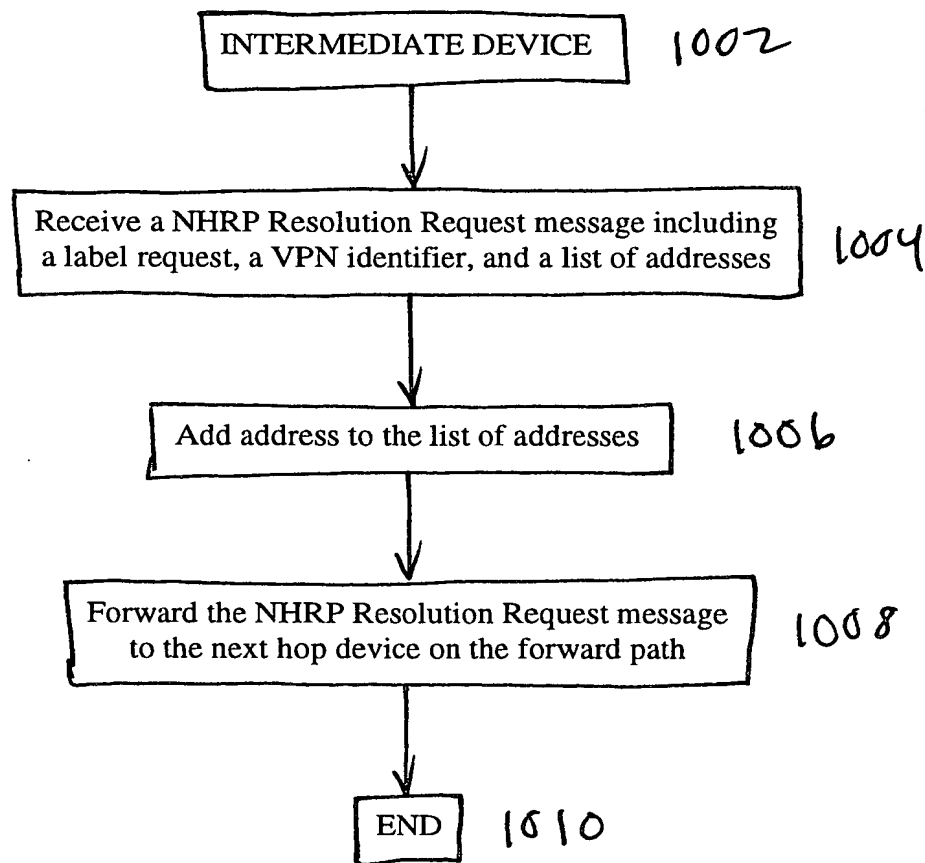


FIG. 10A

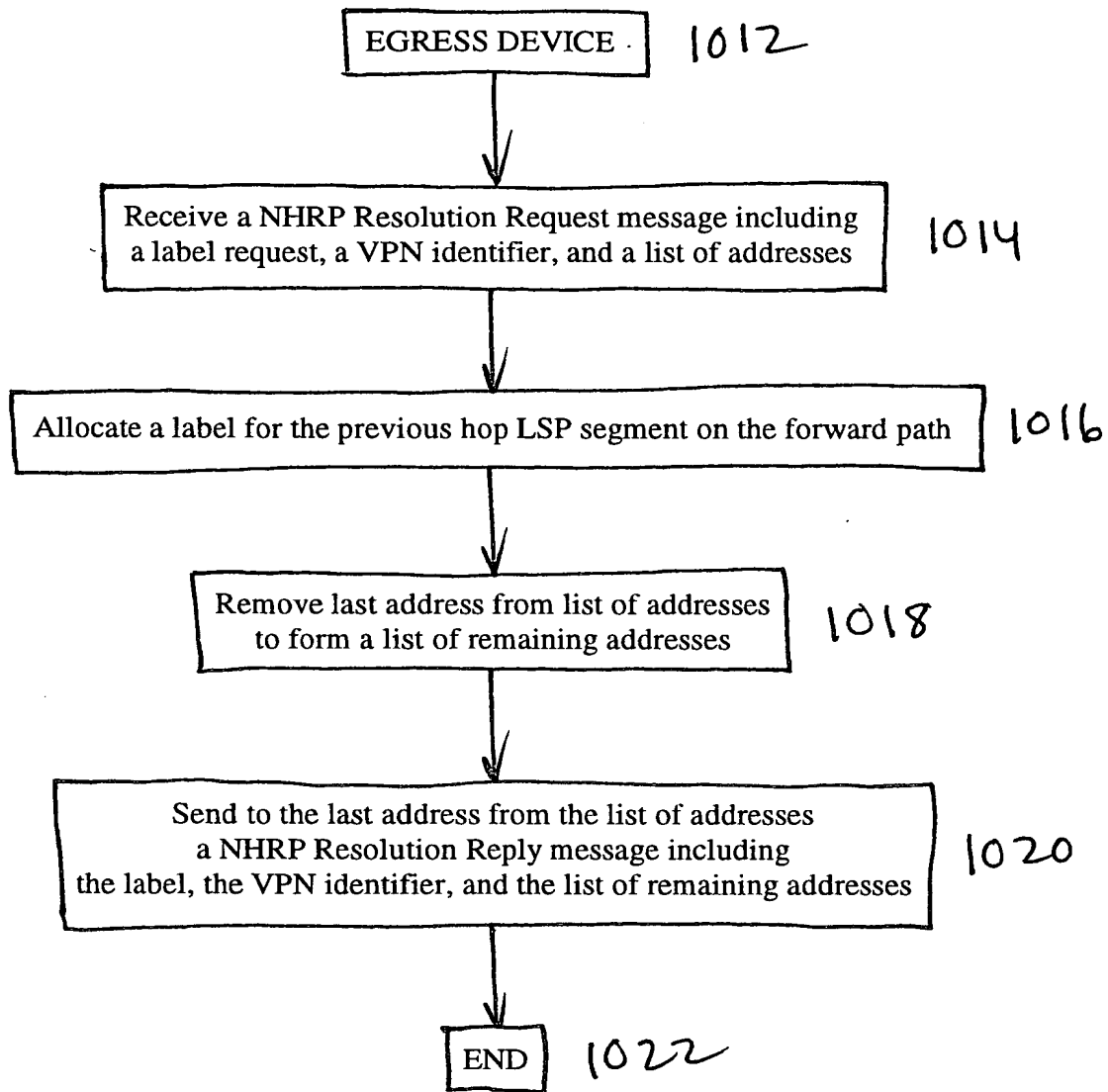


FIG. 10B

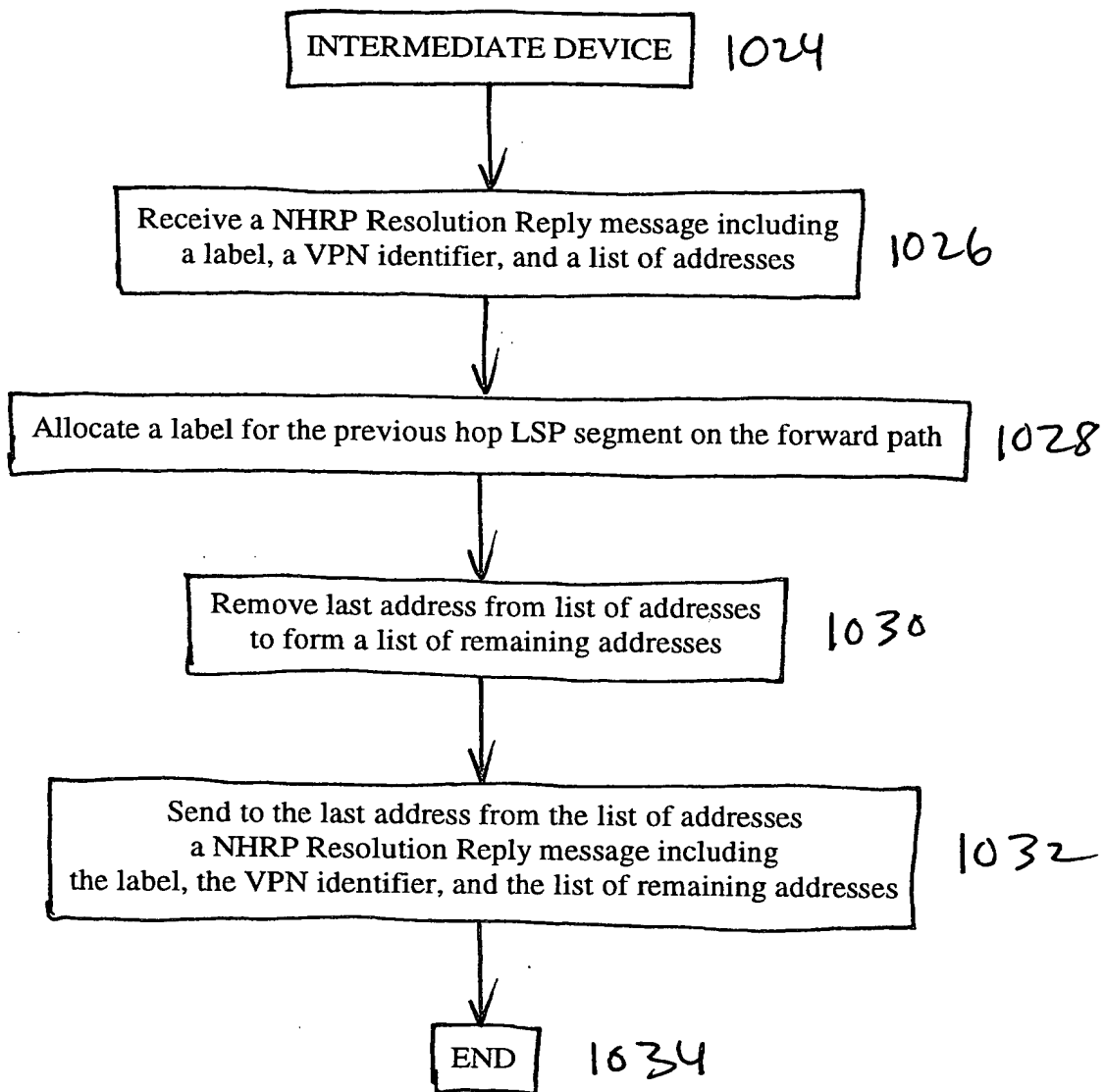


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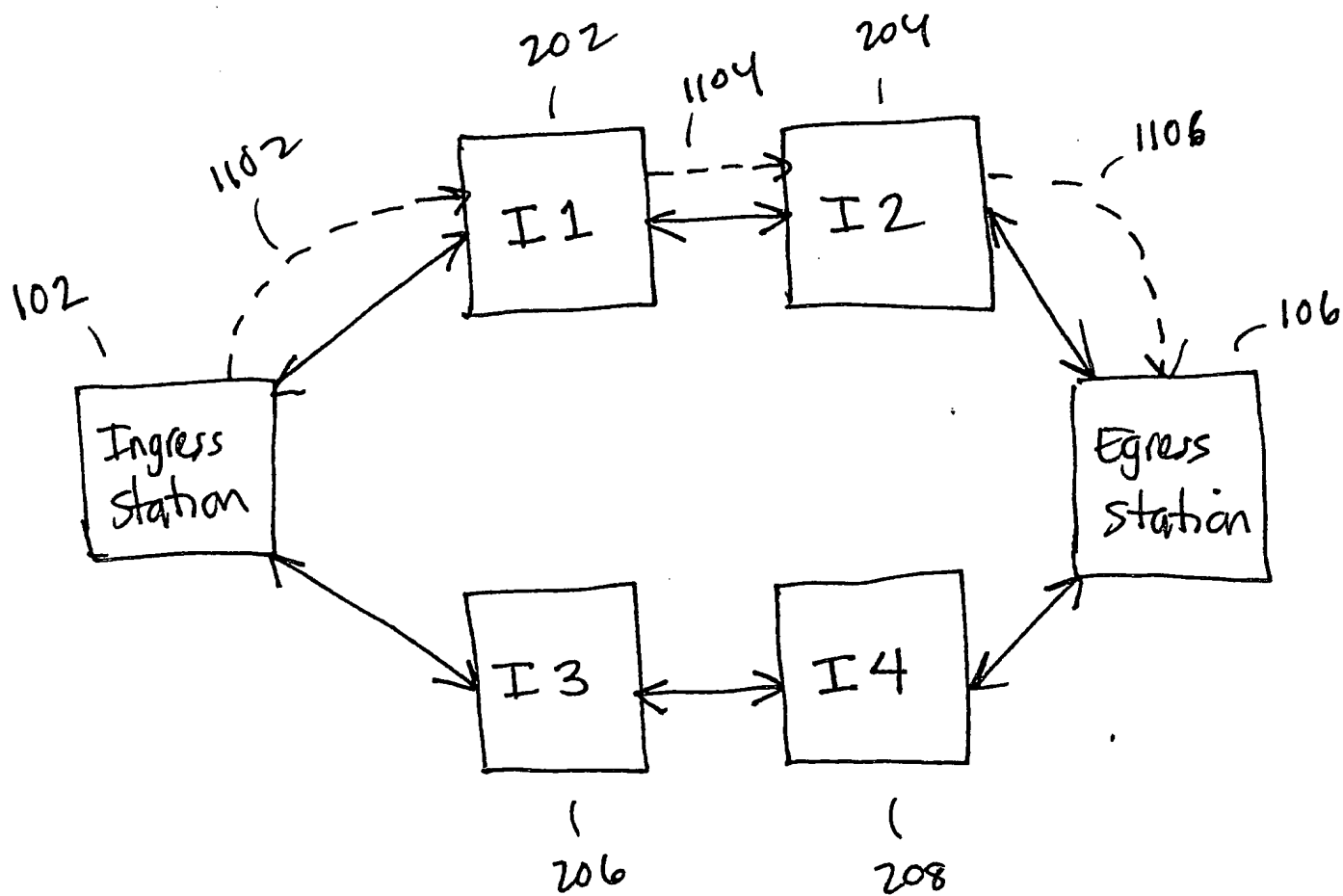


FIG. 11